heads a far larger organisation with higher budgetary allocations and commitments as compared to the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. This is reflected in the quantum and ambit of financial powers exercised by the Heads of the two Organisations. Government has been enhancing the financial powers of the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, from time to time as found necessary.

4456. (Transferred to the 30th August 1988.

Setting up of Pirate Radio Station in Pakistan by Extremists

4457. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of reports that Punjab extremists have taken to Pakistan some valuable equipments from Britain for setting up three pirate radio stations on Indo-Pak borders, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the issue has been taken with UK Government, if so, its response thereto;

(c) whether Pakistan Government has been asked not to give extremists any broadcasting facilities; and

(d) the measures taken to check their designs arid put out of action these radio station?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : fa) It has come to the notice of the Government that on two occasions recently, some Wireless Equipment which could be converted into Radio .transmitting stations, were purchased in UK by anti-Indian extremists and taken to Pakistan. The Government is, however, not aware whether this equipment has been used for setting up private radio station on Indo-Pak borders.

(b) The matter was taken up with the UK Government, who informed that equipment was normally available in the open market in UK and there was no prohibition in its purchase and transportation out of UK. Hence, the UK authorities could not prevent this equipment from being transported outside UK.

(c) and (d) The information about the reported transportation of Radio-transmitting equipment to Pakistan was conveyed to the Govt, of Pakistan with the request to share with us information about the whereabouts of the terrorists involved. It was also inquired from the Govt, of Pakistan whether the •extremists involved were denied entry into Pakistan.

Chinese Missiles for Pakistan

4458. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that China has decided to sell a substantial number of short range surface-to-surface missiles to Pakistan ;

(b) if so, what is Government's own information on the subject and what is Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) whether China has also agreed to sell M-9 short range missiles to Pakistan; what is Government's information ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) While Government are aware of press reports to this effects,, there is no confirmed information in this regard. Government, however, keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India'security.

भारतीय सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध परिषद् द्वारा विदेश भेजे गये प्रतिनिधि

4459. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
श्री कपिल वर्मा :
श्री शिव कुमार सिंह :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंध परिषद् द्वारा यूरोप और अमरीका तथा अन्य अफ्रीकी, केरेबियन और पड़ौसी देशों को कितने प्रतिनिधि भेजे गये ;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस परिषद् द्वारा कितने साहित्यकारों और कलाकारों को विदेश भेजा गया तथा उन्हें क्या-क्या सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई ; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस परिषद् द्वारा, भाषावार, कितनी पुस्तकें प्रकाशित की गई ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) उन प्रतिनिधियों यानी भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंध परिषद् के अधिकारियों की संख्या नीचे दी गई है जो पिछले तीन वर्षों में विदेश गये थे :–

यूरोप और अमरीका	12
अफ्रीका	6
पड़ौसी देश	4
केरिबियायी देश	6

(ख) इस अवधि के दौरान 264 साहित्यकारों और कलाकारों को विदेश भेजा गया था । इनमें मंचीय कलाकार शामिल नहीं हैं। उन्हें अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय किराया दिया गया था तथा विदेशों में स्थानीय आतिथ्य की व्यवस्था की गई थी।

(ग) अंग्रेजी	10
हिन्दी	1
फ्रांसिसी	8
स्पेनी	1
अरबी	1
कुल	21

U.S. Television report on Pakistan-Iran nuclear cooperation

4460. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state':

(a) whether Government are aware of U.S. Television report that Pakistan besides acquiring its own capability to make nuclear weapon is also helping Iran in that direction;

(b) if so, what is Government's own assessment on its information and

(c) whether Government have also seen the report that Islamabad and Tehran are having secret discussions about cooperation in nuclear Field ; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c) Government have seen a report carries by the American Television network T.B.S. on April 18,